

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Add new claims 48-53 as follows:

48 (New) 48. A method for producing a negative strand RNA virus, comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid cDNAs containing a nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand RNA virus, wherein the host cell expresses a polymerase proteins, and recovering a virus from culture.

(New) 49. The method of Claim 48 wherein the host cell constitutively expresses the polymerase proteins.

(New) 50. A method for producing a negative strand RNA virus, comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid DNAs containing a nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand RNA virus, and with plasmid DNAs containing nucleotide sequences which encode an RNA polymerase proteins, and recovering a virus from culture.

(New) 51. The method of Claim 48 or 50 wherein the virus is influenza virus.

(New) 52. The method of Claim 48 or 50 wherein the plasmid DNA contains a heterologous nucleotide sequence.

(New) 53. A virus recovered from the method of Claim 52. - -

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification solely to identify the sequences disclosed therein by their respective SEQ ID Nos as found in the Sequence Listing being submitted concurrently herewith. The amendment to the paragraph on page 73 has been made with respect to the specification as originally filed. New claims 48 to 53 are fully supported by the application as originally filed (*see, e.g.*, the instant specification at page 24, lines 1-16). No